

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 1999-356-C - ORDER NO. 2000-0047
JANUARY 12, 2000

IN RE: Application of OneStar Long Distance, Inc.)
for Approval of a Transfer of Assets of)
OneStar Long Distance, Inc. DBA One Star)
Long Distance and UStel, Inc.)

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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Application of OneStar Long Distance, Inc. dba OneStar Long Distance (OneStar) for approval of a transfer of a customer base from UStel, Inc., and its subsidiary *nunc pro tunc*. The sale of the customer base to OneStar Long Distance, Inc. was granted by Order of the United States Bankruptcy Court-Western District of Washington.

Pursuant to the directions of the Executive Director, OneStar published a Notice of Filing in newspapers of general circulation one time. No Protests or Petitions to Intervene were received. OneStar therefore moves for expedited review of its Application, and submits the verified testimony of Mark Powers, Vice-President and Treasurer of OneStar, to support the transfer of the long distance customer base of UStel, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiary, Arcada Communications, Inc. to OneStar.


OneStar is a nondominant telecommunications carrier authorized by the Commission to provide resold intrastate long distance telecommunications services within the State of South Carolina.

Powers states in his testimony that the acquisition will benefit both OneStar and the acquired customer base. OneStar will benefit in that it will realize significant economies of scale, thereby allowing it to introduce new products and services. According to Powers, the transfer of customer bases will be virtually transparent to UStel and Arcada customers. The acquired customers will benefit in that they will receive service from a financially sound carrier.

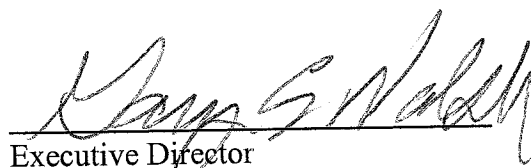
Upon consideration of the material contained in the Application and the prefiled testimony, we hereby approve the Application as filed, *nunc pro tunc*. However, once all matters have been completed at the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, we hereby require UStel and/or its agents to notify this Commission, so that the Commission can consider the cancellation of UStel's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of this Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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